

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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HUASCAR LEMBERT,

Plaintiff,

-against-

CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK CITY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,

Defendants.  
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BROOKLYN OFFICE

MEMORANDUM & ORDER

13-cv-4988 (ENV)

VITALIANO, D.J.,

Alex Ramirez, then an inmate at Rikers Island, filed what purports to be a § 1983 action on behalf of then fellow inmate Huascar Lember. Lember was to proceed *pro se* thereafter. In the complaint, Ramirez included a “Power of Attorney” form signed by Lember that designed to grant Ramirez authority to “act and initiate all section 1983 papers for my Federal Lawsuit.”

By letter, dated September 6, 2013, the Court instructed Lember that a power of attorney cannot be used to commence a federal action. See Iannaccone v. Law, 142 F.3d 553, 559 (2d Cir. 1998). That letter informed Lember that, in order to proceed *pro se*, he must sign the complaint himself and either pay the \$350 filing fee or return a completed *in forma pauperis* application, and to do so within 14 days from receipt of the letter. On October 16, 2013, the letter, which was sent to Lember at his Rikers Island address as listed on the complaint, was returned as undeliverable. Lember did not provide an alternative address, although based on

the contents of the complaint, it appears that he may now be (or was formerly) “residing in Queens.”<sup>1</sup> As Lemberg has not provided the Court with an active mailing address, the Court has no way to contact him. On these facts the complaint must be dismissed, but without prejudice. Rossman v. Suffolk Times, 2013 WL 4065020, at \*1 (E.D.N.Y. 2013).

### Conclusion

In line with the foregoing, plaintiff’s complaint is dismissed without prejudice.

The Court certifies pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that any appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith and therefore *in forma pauperis* status is denied for purpose of an appeal. Coppedge v. United States, 369 U.S. 438, 444-45 (1962).

The Clerk is directed to close this case for administrative purposes.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York  
November 11, 2013

/S/ Judge Eric N. Vitaliano



ERIC N. VITALIANO  
United States District Judge

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<sup>1</sup> Though technically in Bronx County, this may refer to his Riker’s Island address since the correctional facility there is connected by bridge to Queens County.